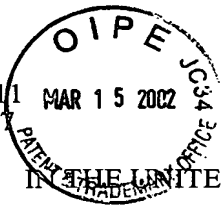


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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph 1 as set forth immediately below in clean form.  
Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (b)(iii), all paragraphs amended herein are set forth in a Marked Up Version on the sheets attached to this amendment.

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[0001] This Continuation-In-Part application claims the benefit of the following U.S. utility applications: "A RULES-BASED OCCUPANT CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT," Serial Number 09/870,151, filed on May 30, 2001; "IMAGE